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Ms. Jill S. Sugden
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Re: U.S. Patent Application
**HIGHLY CROSS-LINKED, EXTREMELY HYDROPHOBIC NITRIC
OXIDE-RELEASING POLYMERS & METHODS OF THEIR
MANUFACTURE & USE**
Our Ref: 17363.20

Dear Ms. Sugden:

Pursuant to a letter received from Dr. Anthony L. Fitzhugh (copy enclosed), please find enclosed a copy of the above-referenced patent application and corresponding formal papers ((1) Combined Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition and (2) Assignment) for execution by Dr. Fitzhugh.

Kindly forward same to Dr. Fitzhugh for his information and for execution of the formal papers. We have enclosed a postage paid envelope for return of the formal papers to our office. We ask that the formal papers be returned to us by December 3, 2001.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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Enclosure

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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